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General and Revenue Secretariat. | P P File No. 123 of 1919.

Serial No. 71

From the F. A. Resident.

In continuation of my No. 22 forwarding a copy of letter No. 6437 dated 10th June 1919 from the Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India I request that the reports mentioned in the monthly reports regarding food may be forwarded to this office for transmission to the Govt. of India, copies thereof having been sent by the Govt. of C. S. to the Food Statistics Committee so as to reach them by the dates fixed.

Draft submitted.

28/6/19

2. Draft slightly revised. I do not think it is necessary to have the report sent to Simla for approval.

Dewan

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24/6/19

Chief Secy

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | G. S. File No. 123 of 1918-19

Serial No.

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The Food Controller
in Mysore
No. G. 28557 of 25.6.19
Ts copy of cir: letter no 643.
F.S. refd to in Sl 71 and requests
to submit to Govt monthly reviews
on the food situation in the first
weeks of July ~~Sept~~ August and Sept 19;
and copies of the same may be forwarded
to ~~the~~ Food Stuffs Contr so as to
reach him by the dates specified.
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9-7-19

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81 From the Food Controller
No 1140 of 14.7.19
With refee to the above submits
his review of the situation for June
1919 and states that a copy of
the same has been sent to the
Foodstuffs Contr
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to the Residency put up
hcg
15/7/19

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15.7.19

G. R. S. III-2,

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.

SMA
15-7-19

Chief Secy.

I have submit. copy to Dewan
perusal.

Asst
Hgrws
Supdt

To the F. A. Resident
Pdt no 66 dy 17. 7. 19
forwards a review of the
foodstuffs in the State for
the month of June 1919.
Draft issued & file returned with
a copy of the review with reference to
the orders in para 7 of the order
above

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17/7/19

SMA
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Extract in regard to food supplies for July 1919 and sales thereof a copy of the same has been sent to the Food Stuffs Cmte.

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MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE,

Bangalore, 21st June 1919.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT
POLITICAL BRANCH
27 JUN 1919

A copy of the marginally* noted letter, with enclosure, is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore in continuation of the endorsement from this office No. 1656, dated the 4th March 1919. It is hoped that the Durbar will be good enough to co-operate in the matter, in which event it is requested that the original of the Reports referred to may be forwarded to this office and that copies thereof may be sent direct to the Food Stuffs Commissioner by the Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore in time to reach the first mentioned officer by the dates specified.

*No. 643 dated the 10th June 1919, from the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

First Assistant Resident.

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Circular letter No.6363-F.S., dated the 20th June 1919, from the Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, (Foodstuffs), to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

I am directed to refer to paragraph 3 of this Department's Circular No. 109-F.S. dated the 14th February 1919, in which the Government of India stated that it was essential that a periodical review should be made of the position in each province, and asked to be furnished by the 15th March with such a report.

2. Retail prices of foodgrains are rising rapidly in some provinces, and the position seems likely to become acute in the next two or three months. It is important, therefore, that the Government of India should be kept in close touch with the position in each province, and I am to request that if there is no objection they may be furnished with a monthly review of the situation. A copy of the report, which presumably will be prepared by the Director of Civil Supplies, should be sent to the Foodstuffs Commissioner so as to reach him by the 15th July, 15th August and 15th September, the original being forwarded to the Government of India by the Local Government with such comments as they may desire to offer.

3. It is suggested that the reports should be in the nature of an appreciation of the position in the province. It should deal particularly with imports into and exports from the province, the trend of retail and wholesale prices over a comparatively extended period, the state of stocks so far as they can be ascertained, the progress of the monsoon and the prospects of the kharif crop. The Director of Civil Supplies should also discuss the question of the possibility of relaxing control on the movement of foodgrains, and for this purpose should report upon the condition of railway transport in his province.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue 25.6.19

Signed by Mr B.S. Rao

No. G 28557/one

To The Food Controller &
Dy C.S. in Mysore

Sir,

In continuation of this office memo no. G. 20369/P. P. 123-18-25 of 12th March 1919, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of Govt letter no 643-7-S of the 10th June 1919 from the

over.

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I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, and to request that you will be so good as to submit for the approval of Government at the earliest opportunity the proposals contained in the monthly returns for the first weeks of July, August and September 1919. Copies of the returns should also be forwarded to the Food Stuffs Committee so as to reach them by the dates specified. ~~after these are approved by Government.~~

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue 10/7/19

Signed by [illegible]

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File No.

Serial No.

No. 1672

To The Food Controller
in Mysore

Sir

I am directed to
invite reference to this office letter
No G 18557/P.P 123-18-5 dt
25th June 1919 & to
request that the review
of the food situation due
in the first week of the
current month may

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be forwarded to this office

very early.

Information may also be furnished as to whether a copy of the return was sent to the Food Stuffs Com. as req^d therein.

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Chief Secy

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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Office of the
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

Bangalore, Dated 14th July 1919.

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From

DIARY NO. 966

K. MATTHAN, Esq., B. A.,
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore.

Sir,

As called for in your letter No. G.672 of the 10th instant, I have the honour to submit herewith my review of the situation in regard to food supplies for the month of June 1919. A copy of the review has been sent to the Foodstuffs Commissioner.

2. I regret that the review has been delayed by a few days owing to circumstances explained below, but have made arrangements to ensure punctual submission of the reviews in future.

3. The first difficulty has been that efforts made to obtain an idea of available stocks in the several districts from the Deputy Commissioners of districts have not been successful. The replies received on this subject are in very general terms and give no real idea of the state of stocks and one of the Deputy Commissioners has merely given the stock of grains available in depots! I have, therefore, confined myself in this review to calculating the probable state of stocks with reference to the census taken in December 1918, the estimate of the harvest of December 1918, the imports and exports, and the probable consumption during the past 7 months. Before the next review is issued I hope to obtain further reports as to

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to the state of stocks in the several districts, and also obtain fairly accurate information as to the probable yield of the Vaisakhi crop.

4. In regard to the estimate of the yield of the harvest of December 1918, I have one point to bring to notice. After the estimates submitted by the Revenue Commissioner were reviewed in Government Order No.G. 19498-512/P.P.134-18-379 dated 5th March 1919, it was reported from various districts that the actual yield of several of the crops was found to have fallen considerably short of the estimated outturn. Revised statements have been submitted to Government by the Revenue Commissioner with his No. F.C.284 of the 3rd April 1919. Revised statements were also obtained by me from the Deputy Commissioners of districts, but these differ very considerably from the returns submitted to Government by the Revenue Commissioner, making a material difference in the total. For instance, the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan has changed the figures for ragi from 4,00,737 pallas to 2,14,786 pallas while the Revenue Commissioner has retained the original figure. Similarly while the Revenue Commissioner has retained for paddy the figure 3,66,879 ~~ragi~~ paddy pallas, the Deputy Commissioner has altered the figure to 1,55,638 pallas. I am reporting these discrepancies to the Revenue Commissioner for scrutiny and correction. For this review I have adopted the revised figures reported to me by the Deputy Commissioners.

5. Another difficulty has been that this office receives information about the progress of the monsoon only from the weekly season reports published in the Gazette which does not give the monthly rainfall (till some months later), or the average monthly rainfall of previous years. For the purpose of compiling this part

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part of the review for future months, I have arranged to obtain information from the Meteorological office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director of Civil Supplies.

KM/MPH.

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Review of the situation in regard to Food Supplies in the Mysore State for the month of June 1919.

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1. Stocks: A census of the stock of the principal food grains in the State was taken in the beginning of December 1918 just before the last Kartika harvest. According to this census the stocks available in the early part of December were as follows:--

Rice.	..	30,649 tons.
Ragi.	..	1,57,887 ,,
Jola.	..	15,119 ,,
Navane.	..	3,604 ,,

The yield of the Kartika crop of December-January was originally estimated as follows:-

Rice.	..	1,28,913 tons.
Ragi.	..	3,07,781 ,,
Jola.	..	77,947 ,,
Navane.	..	17,841 ,,

At the time of the harvest, however, it was reported that owing to unfavourable seasonal conditions the actual yield was generally very much less than the original estimate in most of the districts, the principal variations being the following:--

The yield of ragi in the Bangalore District was less than the estimate by 20,000 tons or about 28%, in Tumkur by 16,800 tons or by 27%; in Hassan by 20,000 tons or 46½% and in Shimoga and Chitaldrug by 2,400 and 4,900 tons or 35 and 30% respectively. The yield of rice was 16% less in the Tumkur district, 19% or 10,000 tons less in the Mysore district, 50% or 10,000 tons less in the Hassan district, 31% or 8,500 tons less in the Shimoga district and 37% less in the Chitaldrug district. The jola yield was substantially better than the estimate in the Kolar district while it fell short of the estimate by 17% in the Chitaldrug district. The yield of Navane in the Chitaldrug -- District, where it is chiefly grown, was less than the

estimate by 20%.

The totals of the revised figures obtained stand as follows:--

Rice.	..	85,497 tons.
Ragi.	..	3,01,653 ,,
Jola	..	77,304 ,,
Navane	..	14,712 ,,

The total quantities of the above food grains thus available for consumption were as follows:--

Rice.	..	1,16,146 tons
Ragi	..	4,59,540 ,,
Jola	..	92,424 ,,
Navane	..	18,317 ,,
Total.		6,86,427 tons

The following quantities of food grains were imported into the State from December 1918 to June 1919:--

Burma rice	..	12,000 tons (This includes November imports which became available for distribution in December.)
Bengal rice.	..	3,230 tons.
Madras rice.	..	5,000 ,,
Total.		20,230 ,,

Exports from the State during the same period were considerably restricted, the total authorised exports of food grains (not including gram and pulses) amounting to about 3,000 tons. Thus up to the end of June 1919, the total stock of food grains available for consumption was 7,03,657 tons while the actual requirements of the people for the same period at the usual computation of one-fifth of a ton per head per year would be 6,65,625 tons leaving a balance of only 38,032 tons, which is less than the requirements for one month. Making allowance for the conservative character of the estimates at the original census of stocks and for errors in the estimate of the last Kartika harvest it would be quite safe to say that the available stock of food grains in the State at present is exceedingly low and this is borne out by the sharp

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rise in prices which has been noticed during the past few weeks. The Vysakhi crop has begun to be harvested from the beginning of June in various parts of the State, but no estimates are yet to hand of the probable yield. The area under Vaisakhi crop is comparatively small and the yield of the crops harvested till now was less than 8 annas except in the case of paddy in some parts of the Chitaldrug district and to a very small extent in the Kolar and the Tumkur districts. The standing crops which will become ready for harvest in July, August and September are however reported to be in fairly good condition all over except in parts of the Mysore and Kolar districts. It is hoped to give an estimate of the total yield of the Vaisakhi crop in the next review.

2. Prices.

Taking the prices current in July 1914 as the standard, the price of 2nd class Mysore rice which had risen from Rs. 15-8-0 per palla of 100 seers in July 1914 to Rs. 17 in July 1917 and to Rs. 19-8-0 in July 1918, gradually went up till it reached Rs. 27-4-0 in November 1918. In December 1918, owing to the harvest, the price went down to Rs. 23-4-0 But in the very next month it went up to Rs. 26/- and ranged between Rs. 25-4-0 and 26-8-0 during the months from January to May 1919. In the month of June, however, prices have again gone up and second sort Mysore rice is now quoted at Rs. 26/- to 28, an increase of 74% over the standard.

The rise in the price of ragi has been even more marked. Taking Rs. 36/- per cart load of 640 seers which was the price prevailing in July 1914 as the standard, ragi had gone up 3% or to 37-4-0 in July 1917, 24% or to Rs. 44-8-0 in July 1918. By September the price had gone over Rs. 50/-, but owing to

the fixing of maximum prices By Government the price ranged from Rs. 49 to Rs. 55-8-0 between October 1918 and February 1919. During February the maximum - prices were cancelled and prices went up with a bound to Rs. 76-5-4 in March (an increase of 112%); to Rs. 83-12-0 in April (an increase of 133%) and to - Rs. 87-8-0 in May (an increase of 143%) while in June ragi has been sold at prices ranging from Rs. 94 to Rs. 102 or an average of Rs. 98, which is 172% over the standard price of July 1914.

The price of horse-gram had gone up from Rs. 7 per palla of 100 seers in July 1914 to Rs. 8 in July 1917, and Rs. 11-1-9 in July 1918. By November 1918 it had gone up to Rs. 17-3-3. In December owing to the harvest the price went down to Rs. 10-4-0 or 46% over the standard. Between January and May 1919 the price has ranged between Rs. 11-4-3 and Rs. 15-11-0 which was reached in May 1919. The price is now remaining at this level.

The rise in the price of pulses has been extraordinary. Green gram, the price of which was Rs 7¼ in July 1914 had gone up by July 1917 to Rs. 10-8-0 (45%) and in July 1918 to Rs. 20/- (176%). The price steadily rose in the succeeding months till it reached Rs. 25-13-0 (an increase of 256%) in November - 1918. The harvest in December 1918 brought down the price to Rs. 16-10-8, but the prices soon went up again reaching Rs. 25 (an increase of 245%) in Februa 1919 and has ranged between Rs. 25 and Rs. 26-10-8 in the succeeding months. The price at present is about 360% of the July 1914 price.

The price of other commodities may be said to have generally followed the same fluctuations. The price of sugar has gone up further during the past

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few weeks.

3. Progress of the Monsoon and season pros -pects.

The subjoined statement shows the average rain fall in the State for the months of April, May and June 1919 as compared with the average of the past thirty years.

	Average rainfall in 1919.	Average rainfall for the past 30 years.
April.	1.08	1.50
May	3.86	3.57
June	5.78	4.80

The progress of the monsoon has, on the whole, been satisfactory, but more rain is required for the standing crops in the Kolar district and in parts of the Mysore and Bangalore districts. The prospects of the season are so far encouraging.

4. Imports during June 1919.

Four thousand tons of Burma rice were allotted by the Foodstuffs Commissioner for June 1919, but no portion of this was received during the month. The 5,000 tons allotted for the previous month were receive during June, 4,700 tons being whole rice and 300 tons broken rice.

By a mutual agreement between the Governmer of Madras and Mysore, one thousand tons of rice were due to be imported into the State from the Madras Presidency as against the export of an equivalent quantity of ragi, rice and horsegram. The whole quantity was certificated, but only 85 tons out of it were received during the month. Almost all the balances for previous months were also received during the month.

Priority certificates were issued for the import of one thousand tons of Bengal rice from the Bengal Presidency, but only 250 tons were actually

imported out of this during the month.

In addition to the imports of rice as above, priority certificates were issued for the import of other commodities as noted x in the subjoined statement.

Names of commodities.	Quantity certificated for	Quantity actually imported	From where.
Bengal gram.	130 tons	..	Bihar and Orissa.
Wheat. ..	200 ,,	..	Central Provinces.
Black gram ..	25 ,,	10 tons	Madras Presidency.
Soji ..	16 ,,	20 ,,	Delhi Provinces.
Green gram. ..	50 ,,	30 ,,	Madras Presidency.
Lakh Dhall ..	90 ,,	..	Bihar and Orissa.
Toor dhall. ..	45 ..	45 ,,	Bengal & Madras Presidencies.
Red gram. ..	15 ,,	15 ,,	Madras Presidency.
Avare ..	40 ,,	..	,,
Peas. ..	22 ,,	22 ,,	,,
Beans. ..	23 ,,	22 ,,	,,
Wheat flour ..	775 ,,	432 ,,	Bombay, Bengal & Punjab
Karamany. ..	20 ,,	..	Madras Presidency.

The whole of the 200 tons of wheat allotted to the State from the Central Provinces was certificated, but none of it has been received. Merchants report that there is great difficulty in procuring the grain in the Central Provinces. Much difficulty is also experienced for want of waggons. The allotment of 50 tons of Australian wheat from Bombay was not taken up.

Out of 400 tons of Bengal gram allotted from Bihar and Orissa, only 130 tons were certificated and no portion of this quantity has yet been received.

Imports by road.

As exports from the State have been greatly restricted, imports by road from the adjoining British districts have been negligible. According to returns obtained from the frontier Ookads the total road imports were as follows:-

Rice (unhusked)	..	10.4 tons.
Rice (husked)	..	115.2 ,,
Ragi	..	9.1 ,,
Jola	..	2.2 ,,
Horsegram	..	.4 ,,
	Total.	137.3 ,,

5. Exports during June 1919.

Five hundred and sixty tons of horse-gram were allowed to be exported to the Madras Presidency on certificates issued by the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras and seven tons of jola were allowed to be exported to Hubli, Bombay Presidency from Bangalore City.

The exports by road were as follows:--

Rice.	..	47.6 tons.
Ragi.	..	138.1 ,,
Jola	..	.6 ,,
Horsegram.	..	150.5 ,,
	Total.	336.8 ,,

The bulk of the exports were to Nilgiris, Malabar and Coorg and to the Remount Depot at Hosur in the Salem district of the Madras Presidency.

6. Conditions of Railway transport.

The conditions of railway transport continue to be exceedingly tight on the lines running in the Mysore State. Although restrictions on the transport of food grains within the State have been removed, waggons could not be made available by the railway authorities for the transport of food grains by the general public without priority certificates. All ordinary transport is almost completely at a standstill, even small consignments going as "road goods" not being accepted at most stations, except on production of priority certificates. The District Traffic Superintendent of Bangalore reports that on the 30th June 1919, there were awaiting transport 48 waggon loads of certificated traffic, 23 of preferential traffic and

913 of ordinary traffic with only 128 waggons -- available.

7. General. As stocks are very low and prices in the Bombay Presidency are ruling even higher than in the State, a withdrawal of the existing restrictions in inter-provincial traffic would result in the available stock being drawn off to the Bombay Presidency and portions of the Madras Presidency causing serious distress in the State. It does not appear possible to withdraw the restrictions till the next harvest is in sight, i.e., till the middle of December next.

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Sd/ K. Matthan.
Director of Civil Supplies

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue 17th July 19

Signed by Mr. C. S. B. Iyer

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File No.

Serial No.

No. Pol. 66 Encl 1

To The J. A. Resident.

Sir,

With refee to your En-
-dorsement no 6840 of the
21st June 1919, I am directed
to forward herewith a
review of the food situation
in the State for the month
of June 1919. The Dr of C. S.
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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Office of the Food Controller and
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

Bangalore, Dated 10th August 1919

DIARY NO. 2796

From

K. MATTHAN, Esq., B. A.,

Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. G. 672 of the 10th July 1919 and in continuation of my letter No. 1140 dated the 14th July 1919, I have the honour to submit herewith my review of the situation in regard to food supplies for the month of July 1919. A copy of the review has been sent to the Foodstuffs Commissioner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Muddukrishnappa

For Food Controller and
Director of Civil Supplies.

Second review of the situation in regard to Food Supplies in the Mysore State for the month of July 1919.

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1. Stocks. It was hoped that the actual yield of Vishakhi crop would be known before the issue of this review but complete information has not yet been received from all the Districts. The information received thus far, however, goes to show that the yield has been very little and the original estimate of it as noted below practically represents the actuals. The estimated yield was as follows:--

Rice.	-	1870 tons.
Ragi.	-	197 ,,
Jola	-	50 ,,
Navane.	-	1000 ,,
Total.		3117 ,,

After all this does not materially change the aspect and as already pointed out in the last review the available stock of food grains in the State is exceedingly low. Some of the Districts have reported that, barring the Agricultural population some of whom have taken the precaution to keep just enough stocks to carry them to the next harvest season, all the rest including the labouring and cooly classes have to depend on such stocks of food grains as may be imported from outside. The Burma rice for which a great prejudice existed in the beginning is being freely resorted to and this indicates how far the local stocks are depleted.

2. Prices. The price of local rice 2nd sort has ranged between 25 to 31 rupees per pallas of 100 Mysore seers of 80 tolas each which is somewhat more than the rate that prevailed last month. The

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price of ragi has however shown signs of slight - decrease the price per cart of 640 seers having - gone down to Rs. 90/- in the last week of the month.

As regards horse-gram, however, there has - been a slight increase of price, it having ranged between Rs. 12/- and Rs. 15-12-0. This is perhaps due to the exports authorised to be made to the - Madras Presidency but the rise is negligible. The prices of pulses continue to be the same as in last month.

The prices of other commodities havebeen -- steady enough but the price of sugar has gone up very high within the last two months it having increased by nearly 75% of its original price.

3. Progress of the monsoon and season prospects.

The prospects of the season continued to be fair and the progress of the monsoon has been satisfactory. The standing crops are reported to be in fairly good condition except in parts of the Mysore District where it is stated that rain is badly -- wanted. The average rainfall during the month is noted below:--

District.	Quantity of rainfall (District Average.	
	Inches.	Cents.
Bangalore.	4	6
Tumkur.	3	38
Kolar.	5	74
Mysore.	2	24
Hassan.	6	62
Shimoga.	15	00
Kadur.	20	40
Chitaldrug.	1	26

Imports during July 1919.

4000 tons of Burma rice were allotted by the Food Stuffs Commissioner for July 1919 but no portion of this was received during the month. Out o 3200 tons of Burma rice whole rice and 800 tons of broken rice allotted for the month of June 1919, 3000 tons of whole rice and 650 tons broken rice have been received and the remaining 350 tons have arrived in Madras and are under transit. Owing

to the millers in Rangoon having refused to sell rice at controlled rates there has been some difficulty for tenderers in securing the rice allotted for this month. The Rice Commissioner has intimated that 1800 tons of rice out of the July allotment are expected to be loaded on steamer "Virawa" which he intimated was sailing from Rangoon about the 31st/July.

The agreement with the Madras Government having been decided to be continued for the months of July and August, 1000 tons of rice were due to be imported into the State from Madras Presidency in exchange for an equivalent quantity of ragi, rice and horse-gram to be authorised to be exported from the State into the Madras Presidency. The whole quantity was certificated for but nothing of this has yet been received during the month. Out of the previous months' allotments 1428 tons of Madras rice (Delta and Nellore) have been actually imported.

Priority certificates were also issued for the import of 240 tons of Bengal rice from the Bengal Presidency but nothing has yet been imported out of this during the month. Out of the previous months' quantity certificated for 800 tons were actually received during the month under review. The congestion of traffic on the Railway at Calcutta has been great.

In addition to the imports of rice as above, Priority certificates were issued for the import of other commodities as noted in the subjoined statement.

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Names of commodities.	Quantity certificated for	Quantity actually imported	From where.
Wheat flour.	375 tons	277 tons	Bombay, Punjab & Bengal.
Barely.	7½ ,,	..	Bihar and Orissa.
Sugar.	1½ ,,	1½ ,,	Madras.
Salt.	32 ,,	32 ,,	Madras.
Lakh Dhal	40 ,,	..	Bengal.
Black gram.	8½ ,,	8½ ,,	Madras Presidency.
Toor	6 ,,	6 ,,	do.
Ground nuts.	59 ,,	..	do.
Karamany avare and peas.	27½ ,,	27½	do.

As regards wheat and Bengal gram 200 and 400 tons respectively were allotted from the Central Provinces but only 56 tons and 400 tons respectively were certificated for. The quantities actually imported were however only 22 tons and 157 tons respectively.

Imports by road.

The imports by road have been, as per frontier Ookad returns received, as follows:-

Rice (unhusked)	11.7 tons.
,, (husked)	59.5 ,,
Ragi	12.05 ,,
Jola	3.55 ,,
Horse-gram	..
	86.8 tons.

Exports.

572 tons, including 80 tons allowed to Kollegal from Marahallu, of horse-gram were allowed to be exported to the Madras Presidency on certificates issued by the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras. The exports by road were as follows:-

Rice.	13.00 tons
Ragi	67.20 ,,
Jola	....
Horsegram.	76.85 ,,
	157.05 ,,

The bulk of the exports were as before to Nilgris, Malabar, Coorg and Remount Depot at Ho in the Salem District of the Madras Presidency.

Conditions of Railway Transport.

The conditions of railway transport contin to be tight and no change for the better has be

noticed.

General. For reasons quoted in the last review it does not appear possible to withdraw the existing restrictions in inter-provincial traffic till about the middle of December next.

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I am to say that letter Pol no 66 of the 17 June 1919 I am directed to forward herewith a return of the food situation in the State for the month of June 1919

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